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CIA PAPERS DESCRIBE NAZI DEATH DOCTOR AS DRUG DEALING FUGITIVE
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WASHINGTON (AP) - CIA DOCUMENTS REGARDING DR. JOSEF MENGELE PAINT A PICTURE STRAIGHT FROM A SPY THRILLER - A FUGITIVE NAZI LIVING IN A CLOSELY GUARDED AMAZON JUNGLE COMPOUND; SUPPORTING HIMSELF BY INTERNATIONAL DRUG DEALING AND BECOMING THE TARGET OF AN ISRAELI HIT TEAM THAT GOT THE WRONG MAN.

THE HEAVILY CENSORED CIA PAPERS WERE RELEASED TUESDAY BY TWO SENATORS WHO ARE PUSHING THE UNITED STATES TO LEAD THE HUNT FOR MENGELE; THE FUGITIVE ''ANGEL OF DEATH'' WANTED FOR HIS TERRIBLE SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS AND MURDER OF JEWS AT THE NAZIS' AUSCHWITZ DEATH CAMP DURING WORLD WAR II.

MENGELE WOULD BE 73 IF HE IS STILL ALIVE; AND BOTH SENS. ALFONSE D'AMATO; R-N.Y.; AND ARLEN SPECTER; R-PA.; SAID THEY BELIEVE HE IS ALIVE.

SPECTER AND D'AMATO HAVE SPEARHEADED RECENT EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS THAT THE U.S. ARMY DETAINED MENGELE SHORTLY AFTER THE END OF WORLD WAR II. IF THE REPORTS ARE TRUE; THEY SAID TUESDAY; IT IS ''MORALLY'' THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO HUNT DOWN MENGELE EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOT WANTED ON ANY CHARGES IN THIS COUNTRY.

MENGELE IS WANTED BY WEST GERMANY FOR WAR CRIMES; AND THE NATION IS OFFERING A $300,000 REWARD FOR HIS CAPTURE. EARLIER THIS WEEK; THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER IN LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCED ITS OWN REWARD OF $1 MILLION.

SPECTER AND D'AMATO ALSO RELEASED A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ URGING THAT SOUTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS BE ASKED TO ''COOPERATE FULLY'' IN THE MENGELE HUNT.

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BOB LEWIS; ASKED TO COMMENT; SAID; ''AT THIS TIME; WE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY REACTION TO IT YET.''

THE CIA DOCUMENTS; WHICH BOTH SENATORS ADMIT ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED; SHOW A ''LACK OF INITIATIVE'' ON THE PART OF THE SPY AGENCY TO FOLLOW UP THE REPORTS AND RUMORS ABOUT MENGELE. THE CIA ''IS COOPERATING AT THIS POINT;'' D'AMATO SAID.

ONE CIA REPORT; A 1972 DOCUMENT; TALKED OF REPORTS FROM A ''PETTY CRIMINAL'' THAT MENGELE WAS LIVING IN THE PARAGUAYAN JUNGLE TOWN OF ENCARNACION; WHERE HE USED THE NAME DR. HENRIQUE WOLLMAN AND WAS ''HEAVILY INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.''

AN UNDATED DOCUMENT NOTED THAT MENGELE BECAME A NATURALIZED PARAGUAYAN CITIZEN IN 1959 BUT TRAVELED TO BRAZIL AND OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS. HE LIVED OPENLY AT A ''WELL-GUARDED RANCH'' AND WAS ''PROTECTED BY STROESSNER;'' SAYS A 1972 REPORT.

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THE LATTER REFERENCE WAS TO PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER. THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED THAT MENGELE IS LIVING THERE.

AT ONE POINT, A REPORT SAYS, MENGELE WAS USING THE NAME "A. WANDERER" AND LIVING IN A COMMUNITY OF GERMANS KNOWN AS HOHENAU. THE UNNAMED INFORMANT SAID HE "HAD UNDERGONE PLASTIC SURGERY AND THAT HE LOOKS MUCH YOUNGER THAN HIS AGE."

A HEAVILY CENSORED 1974 DOCUMENT SAYS AN INFORMANT "DID SAY THAT A FORMER GERMAN SOLDIER BY THE NAME OF FEDERICHI HAD BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH LAST YEAR BY ISRAEL TERRORISTS WHO THOUGHT HE WAS MENGELE. FEDERICHI'S WIFE LOST PORTIONS OF ONE OF HER EARS AND HER STOMACH WAS CUT OPEN AS A RESULT OF THE BEATING."

"SHE SURVIVED THE ATTEMPT AND APPARENTLY WROTE A LETTER TO THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR REQUESTING A PENSION AS THE RESULT OF HER HUSBAND BEING A FORMER SOLDIER?" THE DOCUMENT SAID.

WHEN TOLD ABOUT THE REPORT, VICTOR HAREL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE, SAID, "WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ACTIONS DONE BY PRIVATE ISRAELI CITIZENS OR THE GOVERNMENT. IT SOUNDS LIKE A VERY INCREDIBLE STORY."

IN 1968, AN INFORMANT ALLEGED THAT MENGELE HAD BEEN LIVING WITH MARTIN BORMANN.

BORMANN WAS DESIGNATED BY ADOLF HITLER TO BE HITLER'S SUCCESSOR. IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED HE DIED IN BERLIN IN 1945, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN RECURRING REPORTS IN THE LAST FOUR DECADES THAT HE ESCAPED TO SOUTH AMERICA.

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